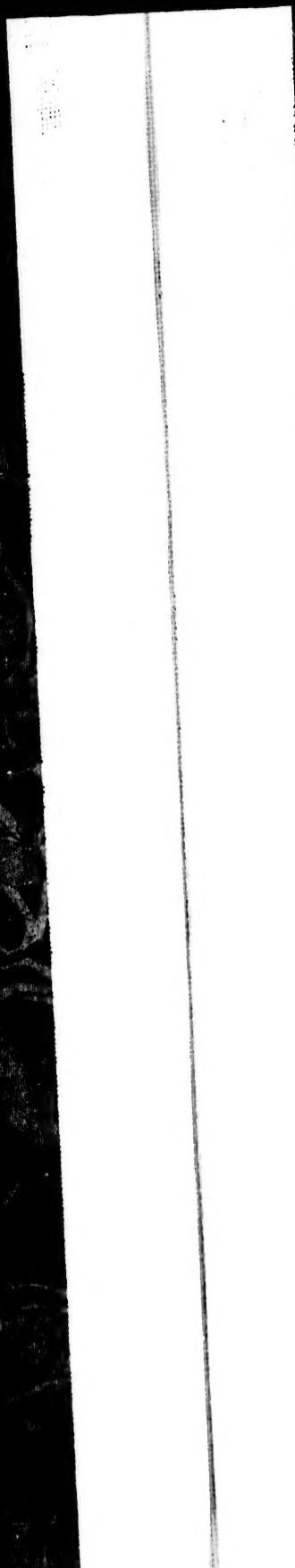


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RULES
OF THE
HALIFAX CLUB.

I.

This Association shall be known as the HALIFAX CLUB.

II.

The Halifax Club shall consist of not more than two hundred members, exclusive of honorary, supernumerary and privileged members.

III.

Politics and religious questions of every description shall be excluded from the objects of the Club.

IV.

Each candidate for admission shall be proposed by one member, and seconded by another, and the candidate's name and usual place of residence, his rank, profession, or other description; and also the name of the proposer and seconder shall be inserted at the time of the proposal in the book of Candidates.

V.

The ballot for members shall take place on the first Wednesday in each month, to commence at *three* and to

close at *five o'clock*, P. M. No ballot shall be valid unless thirty members actually vote, and one black ball in ten shall exclude. A paper dated and signed by the Secretary, containing the names and descriptions of the candidates, together with the several proposers and seconders, shall be put up in one of the public rooms of the Club, at least a week before the day of ballot.

VI.

On the admission of each new member, the Secretary shall notify the same to him, and furnish him with a printed copy of the rules. He shall also request him to remit the amount of his entrance fee and subscription to the Treasurer.

VII.

No member shall be admitted to ballot for a candidate, or vote on any occasion whatever, or to enjoy any of the privileges of the Club, until he shall have paid his admission fee and subscription.

VIII.

The entrance money, payable on admission to the Club, shall be Twenty Pounds, and the annual subscription Five Pounds. All subscriptions shall be payable on the first day of January, in each year, after which day no notice of withdrawal shall exempt the retiring member from the payment of the current year's subscription.

IX.

Should a new member not pay his admission fee and first year's subscription within three months from his admission into the Club, if in America, or within twelve months if abroad, the Secretary shall report the circumstance to the Committee who shall cause his name to be erased from the

list of Members, unless he can justify the delay to the satisfaction of the Committee.

X.

From and after the first day of February in each year, no member of the Club shall be allowed to vote at a ballot, or to act as a member of the Committee, until he shall have paid his subscription for the current year.

XI.

The name of every member failing, before the first day of February, to pay his annual subscription due on the first day of January, shall be hung up in the public room on the first day of February; and if the subscription be not paid on or before the 31st of March, ensuing, the defaulter shall cease to be a member of the Club, and his name shall be erased by the Committee from the books.

XII.

Any member leaving the Province, may, on written application to the Committee, become a "Supernumerary Member," and, during his absence, be exempt from the annual subscription. He shall be liable, however, to the payment of his annual subscription for the year in which he departs from the Province, and for that in which he returns to it, and shall be immediately admitted to all the privileges of the Club, on his acquainting the Committee with his return.

XIII.

Officers in Her Majesty's Army and Navy, and persons holding Civil and Military appointments under the Imperial Government, who may be stationed in Nova Scotia for an indefinite period, and any other persons who shall satisfy the

Committee that their residence in this country is temporary and precarious, and subject to be terminated by the occurrence of circumstances beyond their control, shall be eligible for election by ballot, as members, without payment of entrance fee, but subject to an annual subscription of Six Pounds Five Shillings, or a semi-annual subscription of Four Pounds, and to the Constitution and regulations of the Club, generally; such members to be denominated "Privileged Members," and to enjoy all the advantages of the Club, except that of being elected members of the Committee or voting in any way in the affairs of the Club.

XIV.

Each Candidate proposed as a Privileged Member, shall be stated to be so on the list of Candidates for election, which is posted in the public room; and no candidate to be a Privileged Member shall be placed on the said list unless notice be given to the Committee one week previous to the day on which he is proposed, and until the cause of the privilege has been sanctioned at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

XV.

The Committee shall have the power to admit as "Honorary Members," the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, the General commanding the Troops in this garrison, and the Admiral commanding the Fleet on this station, such Honorary Members to pay no entrance fee or subscription; and they may also admit to the privileges of the Club, such distinguished strangers visiting this city, as it may seem proper to offer such compliment to;—but such persons are not to have the entrance to the Club for a longer time than four-

teen days, and the resolution admitting them shall be agreed to by at least two-thirds of the Committee.

XVI.

There shall be five Trustees, in whom the property of the Club shall be vested, and who shall be *ex officio* members of the Committee. The Trustees shall remain in office until death or resignation, or until a General Meeting shall think proper to remove any of them, and vacancies shall be filled up at the General Meeting.

XVII.

The general concerns of the Club shall be managed by a Committee of fifteen members, in addition to the five Trustees. The Committee shall be elected by ballot, of whom one-third shall go out annually by rotation, the vacancies to be filled up at the General Meeting; but the five retiring members may be re-elected. Whenever there are three vacancies in the Committee in the current year, notice shall be posted in the Club, and such vacancies shall be filled up by ballot on the day for the election of members next after fourteen days from such notice.

XVIII.

The Committee shall make from time to time such Regulations (consistent with these general Rules) as they shall think necessary for the well being of the Club. The Committee shall, at its first meeting after each annual election, appoint from its own body as many Sub-Committees as may be required to superintend the several departments of the Club.

XIX.

The Committee shall meet weekly, on a stated day, to transact current business, and to audit the accounts of the preceding week, three of whom shall form a quorum.

XX.

Any infraction of the Rules and Regulations of the Club, shall be taken immediate cognizance of by the Committee, who shall have the power of expelling, if they deem it requisite; such expulsion to be the act of the Committee, in which, however, ten members shall concur.

XXI.

Whenever forty members shall have signed a requisition, desiring the expulsion of a member, on the plea of misconduct, or being otherwise unfit to be a member of the Club, the Committee may, on receipt of the requisition, (provided such requisition state the specific grounds of objection to such member,) transmit a notice of the receipt of such requisition, to the member complained against; and if such member shall not explain his conduct to the satisfaction of the Committee, and if the grounds in the requisition shall expel the member so objected to, such expulsion to be the act of the Committee, at which, however, not less than eight members shall be present, and a majority of two-thirds concur therein, their decision to be binding on all parties, and not afterwards to be impugned. In the event of there not being eight members present at the meeting of the Committee summoned for the consideration of the requisition, then a Special General Meeting shall be called, to be held within ten days after such Committee meet,—before which Special General Meeting the requisition shall be laid, and a majority

of the members present shall decide in reference thereto; such decision to be final.

XXII.

Any member whose dues are all paid shall be at liberty to withdraw from the Club on his written application to that effect, sent in to the Committee.

XXIII.

Any member who shall withdraw, resign, or be expelled, shall cease to be a member of the Club, and shall forfeit, *ipso facto*, all right or claim thereon, or in, or to its property or funds, and any member who shall be expelled shall for ever thereafter be ineligible to be re-admitted a member of the Club.

XXIV.

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Club, held on the first Wednesday in April, for the purpose of electing the Committee for the succeeding year, and receiving from the Committee a report, and abstract of the state of the accounts and general concerns of the Club, for the past year, together with an estimate of the receipts and disbursements for the current year, and also for the purpose of deciding on any proposition which may be properly submitted to such meeting. The chair shall be taken at all Annual Meetings at 2 o'clock, P. M. The annual Report and Estimate shall be printed for the use of the members, and hung up in the public rooms of the Club at least fourteen days before the General Meeting. At least fourteen days' notice of any proposition which is intended to be submitted to the General Meeting, shall be hung up in the Club.

XXV.

The Committee shall have power at all times to convene an extraordinary meeting of the Club, on giving fourteen days notice—to be posted during that period in the public rooms of the Club specifying the object of such meeting, in the form of a resolution, to be signed by not less than six members of the Committee; and at such extraordinary meetings no subject shall be discussed beyond that specified in the notice.

XXVI.

No new rule, or alteration of a general rule, shall be made, without the sanction of an absolute majority of two-thirds of the members present at a General Meeting, and forty members at least voting on the occasion, and three months notice being given.

XXVII.

The Club shall be open every day for the reception of members, at seven o'clock in the forenoon in the summer, and at eight o'clock in the forenoon in the winter, and shall be closed and the lights extinguished at one o'clock, P. M., except on Saturdays, when the house shall be closed at eleven o'clock, and no member shall be admitted into the Club House after these hours on any pretence whatever, unless specially authorized by the Committee.

XXVIII.

Each member shall be allowed to bring a stranger to dine with him, under such regulations as may be made by the Committee; the dinner to be charged at rates to be regulated by the Committee, it being expressly understood that the bill is to be discharged by the member. The Committee are

also empowered to regulate the admission of strangers in company with members, at other times, and they shall decide what rooms they are to be admitted to. The Committee have the power to suspend this rule during such periods as they may think necessary, for the convenience of the Club, notice of such suspension being hung up in the coffee room at least one week previously. No persons residing within the limits of the County of Halifax, shall be eligible to be introduced as strangers, or the guests of members.

XXIX.

All members are to pay their bills for every expense they incur in the Club before they leave the house, the servants having positive orders not to open accounts with any individual.

XXX.

No member shall give any money or gratuity to any of the servants of the establishment, or permit any stranger to do so.

XXXI.

No provisions cooked in the Club House, or wines or other liquors, are to be sent out of the house, on any pretence whatever.

XXXII.

No member shall take or permit to be taken from the Club, on any pretence whatever, or shall injure or destroy any newspaper, pamphlet, or other article, the property of the Club.

XXXIII.

Any defect in a breakfast or dinner bill, complained of on the back of the bill, and signed by the member so complain-

ing, must be specially noticed by the Committee, on settling the weekly accounts ; and any inattention or improper conduct of a servant is to be stated by a letter and signed by the member complaining, which letter being put into the Secretary's box, must be laid before the Committee at their next weekly meeting.

XXXIV.

Each member of the Club shall give his address, or that of his banker or agent, from time to time, to the Secretary ; and all notices being sent to such address, shall be considered as duly delivered.

XXXV.

No member is on any account to bring a dog into the Club House.

XXXVI.

These Rules and Regulations shall be printed, and a copy of them, together with a list of the Committee, shall be delivered to every member of the Club, or transmitted to his address, and shall thenceforth become binding upon every member of the Club ; but no member shall be absolved from the effect of these rules on any allegation of not having received them.